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TAGS: IAEA, TECH, UY  
SUBJECT: URUGUAYAN RESEARCH REACTOR

REFERENCE: VIENNA 7882

1. DURING RECENTLY HELD IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE, MISOFF MET WITH MANUEL BERGER, CHAIRMAN OF URUGUAY ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, AND COLONEL WALTER PEREZ, MEMBER OF UAEC, AT THEIR REQUEST TO DISCUSS PROBLEM OF CORRODED FUEL PLATES FOR THEIR RESEARCH REACTOR, MENTIONED REFTEL.

2. URUGUAYANS REITERATED PROBLEM MENTIONED REFTEL RE CORRODED FUEL PLATES, INDICATING THAT THEY HAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IDENTIFIED SIX SUCH PLATES. THEY THINK OTHER FUEL PLATES MAY ALSO BE CORRODED, BUT THEY ARE NOT RPT NOT ABLE TO TELL FOR SURE. IN VIEW OF THIS SITUATION, THEY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN OBTAINING AN ENTIRE NEW FUEL LOAD FOR THEIR REACTOR IN EXCHANGE FOR THE PRESENT FUEL, AND NOTED THAT THEY INTENDED TO DISCUSS SUCH A POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT WITH GULF GENERAL ATOMIC, WHICH

THEY UNDERSTAND MANUFACTURES FUEL PLATES OF THE TYPE DESIRED. THEY WANTED TO KNOW HOW TO GO ABOUT THIS IN SUCH A WAY AS TO AVOID UNNECESSARY COMPLICATIONS, IN VIEW OF FACT THAT MATERIAL IS OF U.S. ORIGIN.

3. MISOFF SUGGESTED THAT THEY PROCEED TO CONTACT GULF GENERAL ATOMIC (AND ANY OTHER FIRM IN THE U.S. WHICH MIGHT BE ABLE TO FABRICATE SUCH FUEL PLATES), OBTAIN A PROPOSAL FROM THE FIRM, AND THEN TAKE UP WITH THE U.S. OR THE AGENCY THE MANNER IN WHICH THE NEW FUEL MIGHT BE PROVIDED. THEY ALSO INDICATED THAT THEY MAY WISH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE U.S. GIFT OFFER OF SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIAL THROUGH THE IAEA. KIRK

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